

**Preliminary Amendment**

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**Remarks**

Paragraphs in the specification were amended solely to remove internal attorney docket numbers. No matter was added as a result of these amendments.

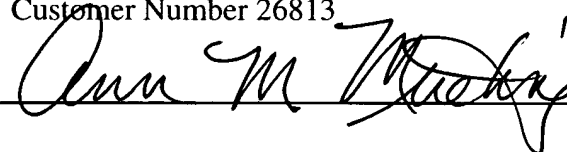
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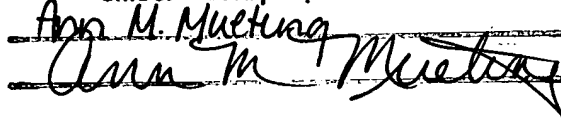
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## APPENDIX A

### Specification Amendments Including Notations To Indicate Changes Made

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Amendments to the following specification paragraphs are indicated by underlining what has been added and bracketing what has been deleted.

#### The paragraph beginning at page 17, line 10

In a preferred embodiment, the pressure sensitive adhesive is reinforced to increase the internal strength of the adhesive, and hence, its stretchability. This can be accomplished through the use of chemical or physical crosslinking, the addition of a second polymeric component having a higher glass transition temperature, or the addition of nonpolymeric fillers (e.g., calcium carbonate, clay, zinc oxide) or the addition of fibers into the pressure sensitive adhesive. Suitable reinforced adhesives are disclosed in International Publication Nos. WO 97/23577 (Hyde et al.) and WO 96/25469 (Hyde et al.), U.S. Pat. No. 6,045,895 (Hyde et al.), and in Applicants' Assignee's copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,478, entitled "Pressure Sensitive Adhesives and a Fibrous Reinforcing Material," filed on 17 January 2001 [(**Atty. Docket No. 55694USA1A**)] as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/847,942, filed on 2 May 2001 and titled PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES WITH A REINFORCING MATERIAL [(**Attorney Docket No. 56654USA3A.002**)].

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The paragraph beginning at page 20, line 14

Such preferred reinforced pressure sensitive adhesives are further described in Applicants' Assignee's copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,478, entitled "Pressure Sensitive Adhesives and a Fibrous Reinforcing Material," filed on 17 January 2001 [(Attorney Docket No. **55694USA1A**)] as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/847,942, filed on 2 May 2001 and titled PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES WITH A REINFORCING MATERIAL [(Attorney Docket No. **56654USA3A.002**)]. A particularly preferred reinforced pressure sensitive adhesive is made according to Examples 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/847,942, filed on 2 May 2001 and titled PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES WITH A REINFORCING MATERIAL [(Attorney Docket No. **56654USA3A.002**)] except with the use of 85% of the pressure sensitive adhesive and 15% EXACT 4023 (ethylene/butylene copolymer produced using a metallocene catalyst commercially available from Exxon Chemical Co., Houston, TX) and a basis weight of 50 grams per meter squared.

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The paragraph beginning at page 34, line 6

Adhesive A    Fibers-containing polyacrylate pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) (5-mil (0.13 –mm) thick) prepared as described in Example 20 of Applicants' Assignee's copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,478, entitled "Pressure Sensitive Adhesives and a Fibrous Reinforcing Material," filed on 17 January 2001 [(Atty. Docket No. 55694USA1A)].

The paragraph beginning at page 35, line 8

Adhesive F    Fiber-containing polyacrylate pressure sensitive adhesive prepared as described in Example 28 of Applicants' Assignee's copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,478, entitled "Pressure Sensitive Adhesives and a Fibrous Reinforcing Material," filed on 17 January 2001 [(Atty. Docket No. 55694USA1A)].

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